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Revive Your Soul... Realize your Expectations

The air was palpable with expectation—even before the conference began. The organizers of the first Tyndale pastors and leaders conference had their work cut out for them. It was billed **Revive Your Soul** and it was clear that Christian leaders and pastors came for that very reason—to be revived!

he Holy Spirit declared His presence unequivocally at the Revive Your Soul conference, held March 13 through 16. Conference director, Dave Collins, explained, "The conference exceeded my expectations specific to attendance and spiritual impact. It was obvious from the

beginning that the Holy Spirit was at work: from the worship to the topics dealt with by the speakers, it all came together seamlessly to create a truly reviving experience."

The Scripture tells us to love the Lord with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind and

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Gordon MacDonald, Larry Crabb and Dallas Willard, keynote speakers.

New Honours Programs Offered at Tyndale University College

s of fall 2006, Tyndale will expand its programs by offering honours Bachelor of Arts degrees in English, history, philosophy, business administration, as well as business administration with a focus in international development. Tyndale University College has offered the honours Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies since 2003 when it first received permission to offer BA degrees.

"The addition of these new honours degrees comes in response to repeated requests from our students. Many of them wish to

pursue graduate study and the honours degree is a necessary precursor to that goal," says University College Academic Dean, Dr. Daniel Scott. "Tyndale is setting a high standard with these honours degrees and graduates will be 'educated and equipped' to excel in graduate work or to enter the workforce."

Students who wish to obtain an honours degree must enroll in the Bachelor of Arts degree. Application to the honours BA is made during the third year (second year for business administration) of studies.

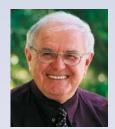
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New Leadership Chair Appointed

Tyndale Seminary recently announced the appointment of Dr. Paul Magnus to the R.J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership, effective August 1, 2006.

Prior to this appointment, Dr. Magnus was the President of the Briercrest Family of Schools, where he served in various leadership roles for 35 years. Currently, he is Chair of the Board of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (EFC) and the Christian Higher Education Council (CHEC). Dr. Magnus also consults with a number of organizations as a transition coach.

Dr. Magnus'
academic background
includes a Bachelor of
Arts degree from
University of
Saskatchewan; Master
of Arts, Trinity
International
University; Bachelor
of Religious
Education, Briercrest



▲ Dr. Paul Magnus

Bible College and in 1985 he earned a PhD in Educational Leadership from Trinity International University.

An ordained minister with extensive teaching and preaching experience, Dr. Magnus possesses both a theoretical and practical understanding of key leadership issues as they pertain to the church and the marketplace. Dr. Magnus brings a breadth of experience as an educator, administrator and consultant that demonstrates a depth of understanding of research design, methodology and delivery.

Dr. Janet Clark, Academic Dean of Tyndale Seminary said, "Dr. Magnus has a long and distinguished record as an outstanding Christian leader. He has taught numerous courses, seminars and workshops on all aspects of leadership. He is a highly regarded consultant to churches, organizations and boards across the country and so we are delighted to have him join the Tyndale community in the capacity of the R. J. Bernardo Family Chair of Leadership."

Forging a Compelling Future



anada's first Bible college, Toronto Bible Training School, opened in 1894. Back then, Toronto's streets were thick with mud and lined with gas-fired lamps. Over a century later, many things have changed. The mud and lamps have gone and so has the "training school" name. The name has changed several times over the past 111 years, reflecting growth. In 1976, the school moved from Spadina in the downtown core to its current site in north Toronto and opened its doors to seminary students. In 1998, the name was changed to Tyndale.

The shape of Tyndale's ministry has been refined, but the passion that stirred founding president Elmore Harris and his friends continues to claim our hearts. With a heart for the risen Christ, we continue to train men and women to be salt and light in a needy world.

Today, Tyndale is a name associated with the best of evangelical conviction and academic excellence, an institution in which spiritual formation is embraced as heartily as scholastic achievement. Without apology, we promote a setting in which the cross of Christ—with both its vertical and horizontal dimensions—instills within our students, faculty and staff a steadfast determination to love God and neighbour.

As we peer into the future, the possibilities are compelling. In June 2005, the Board of Governors approved Vision 2020—what we see Tyndale becoming in this twenty-first century. This vision forecasts an enrollment of more than 2,500 students, with a complement of highly qualified full- and part-time faculty. Central to this vision will be a broad-based faculty of arts and sciences at the University College—undergraduate and graduate—and the Seminary. In addition, there will be a number of small professional schools business, education, nursing and social service work—to name a few. The growth of Tyndale

Seminary will be equally telling, as it launches new programs, introduces additional faculty and expands a reputation for excellence, based on a missional vision for leadership. Such a vision necessitates an expanded campus. This we seek.

Three years ago we received university college status from the Government of Ontario. The reasons for this expansion into a university were straightforward. First, the Seminary increasingly was becoming the prime place of training for those in church and missional ministry. While a number of students complete undergraduate studies in Bible and theology at the University College, more and more students are entering these programs at the graduate level.

Second, both parents and young people are concerned that their undergraduate education is recognized beyond the church or religious communities. They want to ensure that their undergraduate degree is accepted by professional programs or graduate studies in universities or readily recognized by public and secular employers.

There is a conviction that underlies our vision as we prepare coming generations for maturity and leadership. The conviction is that future leaders need to experience within their formative educational training that which respects and teaches that all of life is the Lord's. We use the term "Christian worldview," meaning that any part of life—be it studying English literature, biology or business-is best understood when we see creation through a prism of biblical faith. Critical minds needed to handle critical issues are best shaped with a knowledge of God and His world, not the two falsely divided.

As we anticipate a decade marked by significant growth, our commitment to the risen Christ and the advance of His kingdom will not change. Our mission will not change. Our core values will not change. Our desire to walk in step with our Lord-leading lives whole and holy-will not change.

Brian C. Stiller

Editor's Note

Gellin' Takes Time

Writers have the luxury of ascribing blame to their muse, referring to drought periods or "burn out" and claiming a lack of inspiration when they don't meet their deadlines. In Broadcasting, among other "news" media, we can't always lean against those cushions. Usually, when news happens, it must be disseminated before it gets cold. If the story gets cold, it gets killed. Simple.

Preparing an issue of Connection is a hybrid process of accommodating all kinds of news at Tyndale from a PR perspective and relating all the happenings about the school and its constituents. Our deadlines are a bit more flexible than those associated with hard-core news and the content is a lot more palatable! In this issue, we have a real smorgasbord of delectables. We start off with details on how Tyndale is expanding its programs and the featured theme revolves around what it means for Tyndale to be a university college. The crème de la crème is the report on the recent Revive Your Soul conference confirming the traditional role assumed by Tyndale within the Christian community - helping and equipping pastors and other leaders with the tools necessary to revive souls and so perform their duties as shepherds of God's people.

Each Connection brings its own set of challenges; this issue was no different. Our front page stories did not materialize until March - things just wouldn't gel in my mind so I kept praying. Have you ever thought that with all that's going on in the world, God may be too busy for all the relatively minor details of your life? Well, that was my constant thought but I kept praying anyway.

So this issue is all about the where's and how's of God's leading!

We'd love to hear from you. Send us your feedback on this issue and feel free to suggest topics or subjects that you want us to address. Remember that this is your Connection so your needs should be reflected in its contents. That's our commitment.

Stay Connected and God bless.

Jacqueline Getfield

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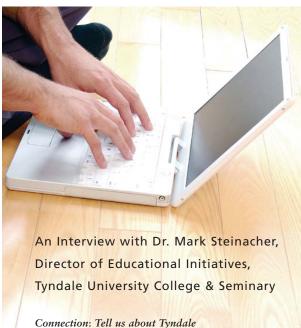
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Seminary ONLINE... Seminary Education at your Location!



Seminary's new initiative to offer webbased online courses.

Mark: The good news is that starting this May we'll launch two online courses. More courses will be phased in over the next few years but students will be able to begin working right away toward a complete Graduate Diploma in Christian Studies or use these credits toward either a Master of Theological Studies or Master of Divinity degree.

Connection: Who can take these online courses?

Mark: Anyone who qualifies for admission to Tyndale can take these courses for credit. Pastors can use these courses for continuing education or to build upon the foundation of a Bible college degree, without having to leave home. Someone testing out their sense of call to ministry can take these courses. Especially if they haven't taken courses for years, this is a 'low risk' way to get back into 'loving the Lord with all of their mind' (Luke 10:27). Even students at other seminaries can take special interest courses available only at Tyndale; credit may qualify for transfer because Tyndale Seminary is fully accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. Students cannot audit online courses.

Connection: Who will be teaching these courses?

Mark: For the most part, the online instructors are Tyndale's own core faculty. Edited versions of audio recordings of their regular classroom lectures are made available to the online students. This is very convenient since students can even stop and ponder some particularly profound statement by an instructor!

Connection: What specific courses will students be able to take?

Mark: Introduction to Christian History II and Philippians will be rolled out this May. Gospel, Church and Culture in September; Systematic Theology I and II, as well as Leadership Development will be available in May 2007. By May 2008, Introduction to Christian History I will be ready. Others (including Old Testament Theology and History, and New Testament Theology and History) will be added to this list as we are able to record the audio from a classroom course and transform it for the Web. We're open to suggestions, so if readers have practical ideas for courses that would really appeal to them, they can send them in to us.

Connection: So, do online courses cost any more than regular in-class tuition?

Mark: No, the courses cost the same as inclass courses. Students have to buy their textbooks, but otherwise the audio files, syllabus and discussion material are free to online students and available on the Tyndale website. However, if someone wants the recording on CD, this will cost extra.

Connection: Will students have to download special software or buy "high-speed" Internet connection for their computers to run a special program?

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Dr. Ian Scott Appointed to Seminary Faculty



Dr. Ian Scott has been appointed Assistant Professor of New Testament at Tyndale Seminary, effective July 1, 2006. "We are delighted that this

pivotal Seminary post will be filled by such a gifted and godly individual," said Dr. Janet Clark, Academic Dean of Tyndale Seminary.

Prior to this, Dr. Scott was a professor at Kings University College, University of Western Ontario. An alumnus of Emmanuel Bible College and Regent College, Dr. Scott received his PhD from McMaster University in 2004.

Dr. Scott is a deeply committed evangelical Christian with a record of active involvement in the local church and a profound sense of call to theological education. He has outstanding academic credentials, recognized teaching excellence and a desire to be engaged in the formation of students for service to the church and the world.

Tyndale Seminary Selected to Join Forum on Theological Education in the Context of Diversity

Tyndale Seminary was one of 46 leading theological schools and seminaries from the United States and Canada selected to participate in "Strengths and Strategies: A Consultation on Student and Faculty Diversity in Theological Education" hosted by the Fund for Theological

Education (FTE) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

Educators, seminary presidents, administrators, faculty and students met March 9-11, 2006 on the campus of Emory University in Atlanta to share best practices that make their institutions models for improved diversity among the faculty and students of theological schools. Dr. Janet Clark, Academic Dean of the Seminary, and Kaarina Hsieh, Dean of Students represented Tyndale at the consultation.

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Graduation

The Board of Governors, President, Provost and Faculty of Tyndale University College & Seminary request the honour of your presence at the Spring 2006 graduation ceremony.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Leighton Ford

Saturday, May 6, 11:00 a.m. Queensway Cathedral 1536 The Queensway, Etobicoke, ON



Introducing... Bradley Bartsch



Vice-President, Development The Tyndale Foundation

JG: What do your friends and colleagues say about you?

Personally...

BB: I am known to be laid-back but always moving forward, stretching myself. At the heart of me I am an exploring kind of person. I look for and embrace new

experiences. When all my friends were skiing, I was snowboarding. I am bit of a contrarian perhaps.

They would say that I chose very well when I married Marlene, my wife of 20 years.

Professionally...

BB: I have made some very close friends professionally and most would say that they have appreciated the leadership I provide and the working environment I create. I am focussed on achieving or exceeding our goals but it should be a lot of fun along the way.

JG: Describe your career path to date and why did you choose this time to leave the relatively warmer climes of B.C. to work at Tyndale (Toronto)?

BB: Tyndale is an outstanding institution that is poised for an exciting future. I want to be a part of that future.

Over the years, I have worked for small- and medium-sized enterprises as well as some of Canada's leading corporations. These span many sectors, from trades to forestry to investment

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Tyndale Month – a time to say thanks

February is special at Tyndale because that's the time we say thanks. That's the time when we celebrate and recognize our many donors whose support provide us with the opportunity to continue the work of equipping men and women to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ.

Here are the stats:

7 students contacted over

700 donors for

14 days totalling

171 hours of expressed appreciation.

Gerry Kroezen explained, "This was a student-manned event. The objective was to contact our donors to offer a personal word of thanks for their generosity. There was no fundraising component: meaning no "asks" and no prospecting. We simply wanted to say thanks. Naturally many of our donors were quite surprised!"

As a token of our appreciation a special CD produced by the Tyndale Foundation was offered to donors. The CD features Tyndale students reading from the Psalms over a track of classical guitar music.

It seems as though we cannot say thanks enough. Through *Connection*, on behalf of all Tyndale students, may we once again say thank you to all our donors. Your investment in the lives of Tyndale students really helps to advance the kingdom of our Lord. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Signed,
The Tyndale Month Student Callers

How to put Tyndale

After making provision for your family and loved ones, you may want to consider putting Tyndale in your will. By so doing, you leave a legacy that will continue to invest in the lives of students.

You can make this important investment in the ongoing life and ministry of Tyndale by simply writing in your will: I bequeath to The Tyndale Foundation, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Toronto, ON Canada M2M 4B3 (insert here the amount you wish to bequeath) to be used in the ministry of preparing strong Christian leaders.

Your bequest can be a specific amount, a piece of property or a percentage of your estate. You may also wish to name Tyndale as a contingency beneficiary in the event that someone named in

in your will

your will is no longer living. We recommend that you ask a lawyer to enable you in the drafting or amending of your will.

Your gift of accumulated resources ensures that Tyndale continues to raise up generations of young people who love and serve the Lord, here in Canada and around the world.

For further information, please contact bbartsch@tyndale.ca or call Brad Bartsch at 416.218.6776.





Tyndale Stages Second Annual Golf Marathon

It's that time of year again. We start to yearn for the heat of the outdoors, the stretch of the swing, the scent of the freshly mowed grass, the feel of the turf underfoot and the sight of the undulating, well-manicured greens. Friends, registration is now open for this year's golf marathon (a.k.a. golf-a-thon).

If you missed last year's golf-a-thon,

redeem yourself! Join us in May. The good news is that it won't cost you a cent. This year, we've made it easy for you by giving you a dedicated web page where your sponsors can support you through online pledges.

To sign up to become a golfer or to sponsor someone else, simply go to www.tyndale.ca/golfathon and follow the instructions.

We are hoping to raise at least \$30,000 for the annual fund this year.

Last year, Tyndale's first Annual Golf

Marathon was a great success. Everyone had a fantastic day of golf, fun and fellowship. Eighteen golfers raised a total of \$26,000. The Tyndale Foundation's annual fund is applied against the total cost to run the institution.

We look forward to seeing you at the Foxridge Golf Club in Uxbridge, Ontario. Call us at 416.226.6620 ext. 2724 or check our website for details on how to register and to become a sponsor. We'd love to hear from you.



Editor's Note

As we continue to re-brand ourselves, we have decided that a major part of our constituency, our Connection readers, should be invited to share with us as we take on the challenges inherent in this journey of transformation. A university college since 2003, Tyndale continues to be under the surgeon's knife. Some changes will forever transform its look while others will affect its spirit and character.

So, Tyndale University College & Seminary's transformation is holistic. The change is not just about our new brandmark (or logo), it reflects our growth and continual metamorphosis as we transition from who we are today to who we wish to become. On the following pages, the thoughts expressed by our faculty members, staff, alumni and students further elucidate the vision and support the philosophy revealed in our president's message. Turn these pages and see where we will position ourselves in the Canadian university market and how the value and cost of a Christian education really add up.

We'd love to get your feedback on how you believe the flavour of Tyndale has been and forever will be enhanced by these changes. Let's talk.

The Idea of a University

Tyndale University College & Seminary is poised for significant growth and widespread impact in society. The key to both is recognizing the essential strengths and the foundational message of the institution and harnessing them fully. Over the past few years the University College (UC) has reinvented itself as a Christian liberal arts institution. This reinvention has, by necessity, meant a recapitulation of the traditional Bible college model. What this shift means may be understood in at least two ways.

First, the UC conceives of itself as being grounded in the historic understanding of the university. This means, in the words of the great 19th century Christian apologist John Henry Newman (from whom the title of this piece is borrowed), the gaining of "knowledge is its own reward." Accordingly, the UC is not a place to be trained; rather, it is a place at which to be educated. The difference is significant and has been at the core of the western university for almost 1,000 years. This kind of education means a thorough exposure to the Bible and to the traditional liberal arts (philosophy, history and English literature). Through this process the mind is opened and encouraged to ruminate on the canonical texts and great questions of Western civilization. Accordingly, the UC's core curriculum is called the "Shaping of the Western Mind."

Second, while some universities in the West remain partially committed to this ideal, there has been a concerted move away from the primacy of the liberal arts in most universities, and the Christian faith as the unifier of all knowledge has been virtually eradicated. That is to say, even though the Western university as



established during the Middle Ages owes its form and rationale to Christianity, modern secular society has gradually removed this overt linkage. At Tyndale, however, this almostsevered link is being restored. "He is," says Colossians 1:17, "before all things, and in him all things hold together." In a sense, Tyndale is trying to recapture and revivify the university as it was originally conceived. And it is doing so by reconnecting the liberal arts to Christianity. This



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task is not an easy one. But it is a necessary one for the future of the faith. Tyndale graduates are going out into the world equipped with the kind of mind that can probe its myriad problems and challenges. They do so having been grounded as Christians—in the full panoply of Western history and thought. They go also with the necessary credentials that facilitate entry into any program, service or vocation they choose. Tyndale prepares students to be fully engaged Christians in God's world through its various academic and training programs.

In Canada, very few institutions either can make or would even wish to make this claim. The big public universities have developed a much different agenda—one that is mostly at odds both with the liberal arts and Christianity. Other, smaller institutions, while sometimes emphasizing the liberal arts, do so without much or any recognition of Christianity. Tyndale integrates both and in so doing it has rediscovered what it really means to be a university.

—Dr. Brad Faught is Assistant Professor of History at the University College.



Transformation through Education - the Tyndale Way

s Christians, young in the faith or having already travelled some distance, we recognize that we are on a remarkable journey—a journey of becoming. We have been called to become more and more like Jesus. This raises the matter of our identity as persons of Christian faith and the problem of what it means to live faithfully as followers of Jesus in this time and place.

The distracted Self

As those who would be followers of Jesus, we recognize the biblical injunction to love God with all our being and while we sometimes quibble about those who ought to populate the category of "neighbour," we also understand the biblical imperative to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. As Christians, we accept the fact that these imperatives are intended to guide our hearts and actions, our becoming. Though they lead us to an intimacy with God as His children, we are constantly distracted and deflected from a purposeful engagement with God and from the business of becoming who we ought to be. This, too, we acknowledge. We recognize in ourselves such deep attachment to the expression and cultivation of what the Scriptures call the "old self."

Tyndale, like many excellent institutions of Christian higher education, is a community dedicated to helping men and women engage with God. It is a place where students encounter countless opportunities that enrich their lives and alter their perception and understanding of the world. These engagements in classes, seminars, symposia, conferences and roundtable conversations are designed to encourage a process of intellectual and spiritual discovery in an environment that recognizes the Lordship of Christ. They are not haphazard; they occur in prepared environments that are intentionally structured to create opportunities for growth.

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Responsible stewards

An essential aspect of forging an identity that is honouring to God is the development of the capacities and gifts we have been given. To be created in the image of God is to possess a capacity for reason, imagination and emotional response to the beautiful, sublime, the ugly and horrific. It is a matter of great consequence that we understand and accept the need for the responsible stewardship of these God-given resources and this, I submit, involves using and learning to use the intellectual and creative capacities that are ours. At Tyndale, students are afforded the opportunity to explore the world of the mind and the great cultural treasures that are ours as a consequence of the imaginative genius and productive labour of poets and novelists, mathematicians and scientists, artists, philosophers and theologians. Through critical engagement with the significant thought and work of others we hone our mental skills and develop a cultural literacy that



Why Study at Tyndale University College?

What makes a Christian university college different from other schools? Why would a student choose to come to a place like Tyndale University College when there are so many other options? Let me suggest a few characteristics of Tyndale University College that make it attractive for students.

Holistic

First, Tyndale is holistic. While many universities have abandoned a common core curriculum, Tyndale has maintained a strong liberal arts core. As a result, students receive a foundation in the arts, fine arts and natural sciences in addition to their chosen major of study. As well, Tyndale students take what amounts to a minor in religious studies. A unique feature of the Tyndale experience is the requirement to be involved in Community Service or Field Education. This allows them to gain valuable experience and fosters a habit of volunteerism. Tyndale graduates not only receive an education, they are also equipped.

Contextual

Second, Tyndale is contextual. As Christianity spread throughout the Western world, it was natural that it was influenced by that culture. In order to assist students in determining the distinctions between Christianity and culture, all first year BA students take the "Shaping of the Western Mind" curriculum. The curriculum includes English, history and philosophy courses. The History of Western Civilization (a full year) course divides history into eight periods. In the English and philosophy (full year) courses, students read primary texts related to these historical periods. From time to time, the faculty teaching the courses have interdisciplinary seminars.

Goal-oriented

Third, Tyndale is goal-oriented. The mission statement of the institution is "to educate and equip Christians to serve the world with passion for Jesus Christ." The goal of the education process is to prepare Christians to serve. Having received an education where the integration of faith and learning is encouraged, Tyndale graduates go on to serve Christ in the workforce. Many go on to further studies in professional or graduate schools. Tyndale alumni—some 10,000—work in various capacities throughout the world.

Assessing the Cost of Christian Higher Education

e love our ministry at Tyndale and believe that God called us here to help Him make our school one of the finest centres of Christian higher education in the world. There is no question that our world needs the type of leaders we are graduating. Every time our faculty stand in front of a class, they are speaking into the lives of men and women who will mold our current and future generations. Consider the pastors who are our students: they pass their learning on to their congregations, which are made up of the influencers in the private and public square, parents, and future Christian thinkers. Just as we inform and influence them, they help mold the influencers of our world.

Educating these Christian world leaders is not inexpensive. Ontario university stats tell us that it costs between \$12,000 and \$16,000 per year to train a public university graduate. Tyndale endeavours to meet the high standards of academic excellence of the public institutions and then exceed their offerings with smaller, more intimate classes; high-impact spiritual transformation; a safe, vibrant Christian community and a highly developed Christian worldview in all of our programs. So the cost of providing our level of education should exceed

"Yes, the cost of a Christian education is high, but in the end, sometimes the cost of a public university education is much higher!"

\$16,000 per student. But it doesn't!

To provide this quality Christian education many have to sacrifice much. Bob Pierce, the founder of World Vision once said: "God's work never seems to be convenient and never without personal sacrifice." The faculty and staff who work at Tyndale sacrifice much. Before this year, most of our faculty earned up to 50% less than what they made at the public universities where they were previously employed. During our 'financial rescue' in 1995, in order to survive, we initiated a salary freeze that lasted nearly a decade. But the high cost of living in Toronto made it almost impossible for faculty to live here. Many left. As we become a major player in the university market, we needed to retain and attract good faculty so salaries needed adjustment. This year our faculty and staff will be more in-line with average industry salary levels, even though it will be at a significant cost burden to our annual budget.

Being a student here is also a sacrifice!

Students always ask: "Why is our tuition so high?" I often remind them that our tuition is higher than a public university because Tyndale is a totally independent institution and receives no support from the government or any denomination. All our funding comes from tuition fees, donations or ancillary revenues. Tuition covers about 55% of revenues. We wish we had sources that would subsidize us at the level of public universities, where government contributes between 65% and 75% of the costs. But Christian universities that have accepted government help in the past have gained support at a loss of intellectual freedom.

Our new tuition fee rates for 2006/07 will still be under \$10,000 per year. The increased faculty salaries, important ongoing program improvements and new initiatives at the school all come at a cost. Of course, Christian university education is expensive everywhere. Similar programs at Trinity Western University cost \$14,000 per year just for tuition;

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O_n the Front Line with Prospective Students

As active consumers of the Internet age, young people know what they want when deciding on post-secondary education. In fact, for a number of young people, time is everything. Tyndale's Admissions Team meets with young people at schools, conferences, recruiting events and in personal interview sessions.

These students are primarily looking for a school with a solid reputation, a range of programs and flexibility in program delivery. They want to complete their studies in as short a time as possible. They eagerly look forward to embarking on ministry or getting started in their careers in the marketplace.



Stiff Competition

There is stiff competition among universities to meet these needs of incoming students. Though smaller than many of our competitors, Tyndale is strategically placed to target a particular segment of the new student population. In addition to meeting the needs listed above, Tyndale is the clear choice for those who desire to study in a Christian environment. Here they can integrate faith and academic study.

The efforts of the Admissions Department are enhanced by alumni, especially pastors, many of whom refer prospective students to Tyndale. The testimony of alumni indicates

that Tyndale is largely successful in providing a valued education and meaningful personal growth experiences for students.

Life changing Ministry

With more than ten different majors at the undergraduate level and the promise of interaction within a community of scholars that include world-class, caring professors, Tyndale is the solution many prospective students seek. In addition to academic training and mentoring, they can also seize the opportunity to experience life-changing ministry and service opportunities through short-term or semester-long mission trips. Community interaction is an imperative at Tyndale: students participate in small group sessions, drama, chapel, varsity or intramural sports, concerts, on worship teams and student council, just to name a few.

Tyndale demonstrates that a Christian university is not a cocoon, it is really the opposite. At Tyndale, students are first nurtured, then challenged to enunciate, defend and put into practice their beliefs. Our graduates are prepared for the real world—performance focused and spiritually-grounded.

Those who choose Tyndale University
College & Seminary receive far more than
they anticipate.

Come taste and see. For information on campus visits: www.tyndale.ca/visit

—Carole Sandy is an admissions counsellor at Tyndale.



The Global Edge International Students at Tyndale

Tyndale is the school of choice for between 40 and 60 international students each academic year. This represents three to five per cent of the total student population. Why do students from other countries come to Tyndale?

he number one reason they give is the programs offered. Students are attracted by the diversity and the major options available. Another important reason—especially for seminary students—is the interdenominational structure. The lower cost is attractive, especially for students from south of the border. The helpfulness of our admissions personnel was cited by one student, "the admissions coordinator...was extremely helpful. It took me five years to finalize my decision, but this person kept in touch with me for the entire time."

Once they get to Tyndale, what is the experience like for our international friends? There are both joys and challenges, as can be expected. The joys they mention include stimulating classes: "every single thing I learn I want to share with everyone I know, even Greek"; helpful and caring professors and personal growth and development: "discovering a new direction in my life and getting a better sense of what God is leading me into." Among the challenges are understanding the grade point system, living in dorm, coping with winter and finding familiar food.

Overall, the vast majority of international students find their experience at Tyndale to be positive. International Student Coordinator, Tiere Sharma, plays a large role in making their Tyndale years as problem-free as possible. Her office provides a wide range of services designed to help these students become well-integrated into the community by providing support for administrative, social, academic and even emotional needs.

"I am happy to welcome and play host to



Out on the town. Tiere Sharma, centre, and international students enjoy dessert after seeing a performance by the National Ballet Company in December.

students from around the world," says Tiere. It's an opportunity to learn about different cultures and develop relationships with people from a wide range of backgrounds. International students bring much to the Tyndale community. They bring diversity in thinking and customs that broaden our perspectives and help us to think globally. This is important for us as a missions-oriented institution."

Why should international students choose Tyndale? In addition to the advantages of academic study at Tyndale, our relatively small size makes it easier for international students to develop relationships and to become integrated in the community. They also have greater opportunity to contribute to the community than would be available to them at a larger university. Being located in Toronto is another advantage since international students are able to experience Canada and interact with people from around the world.

—Dahlia Fraser, an international student, is also the Communication Assistant at Tyndale.

Why I am Still at Tyndale —A Graduate's View

Ask me why I'm still at Tyndale. I dare you.

Thirteen years ago I entered the doors of Tyndale, ragged, torn and tattered in my faith and heart. Having survived the secular high school system, I desired a different experience. I saw my youth group friends backslide into a worldly lifestyle of partying, after going into secular universities. Their minds swam with philosophies denying the existence of God. Sadly, they turned away from the Lord Jesus Christ. I desired to deepen the roots of my faith—one that wavered at the best of times.

After experiencing Tyndale first-hand, I was challenged to make a life altering decision. I withdrew my applications to the University of Toronto, Western and York. I was coming to Tyndale—wavering faith and all.

I did not expect to develop so many friendships, be challenged so deeply, have my worldview affected so radically and to meet God so personally. One unforgettable moment was when Dr. Glen Wyper stated in an Old Testament class, "These were ordinary men who just looked up."

Radically changed by the teachings I learned and the friendships made, I graduated from Tyndale with more than just an education. I had an experience that had shaped my character, enriched my mind, broadened my horizons and steeled my faith.

I am still at Tyndale, now in a working capacity because I know God changes lives here for eternity. By the mystery of the Holy Spirit, ragged, faithtorn students are transformed into committed servants of Christ, as He causes them to just "look up."

—Joanna Marriage '98 is the Registration Associate at Tyndale.

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Fourth, Tyndale is personal. Each student is not just a number but is known by name. Many schools have huge first-year classes with up to 800 students in a lecture theatre. At Tyndale, the class sizes are no larger than 60 and most are very intimate. Every student is assigned a faculty advisor who meets with the student throughout the course of their program to offer advice, encouragement

and support. In addition, faculty and students participate in "life together." Whether it is worshipping together in chapel, having informal conversations over lunch at retreats or competing in floor hockey, students and faculty have the opportunity to live, learn and grow together.

Many institutions have had similar characteristics in the past. Unfortunately, as documented in James T. Burtchaell's *The Dying of the Light: The Disengagement of Colleges and Universities from their Christian Churches*, they have strayed from this original commitment.

There are many Christian universities that have not followed this course (see, for example, Robert Benne's *Quality with Soul: How Six Premier Colleges and Universities Keep Faith with Their Religious Traditions*).

Tyndale University College with its personal, holistic, contextual and goal-oriented approach is becoming a premier institution that keeps faith with its religious tradition.

—Dr. Daniel Scott is Academic Dean at Tyndale University College

Business Students Visit Honduras

Spiritual priorities and business acumen were combined this January in Tyndale's business program as Janualee Anderson, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, led a team of seven students on a mission trip to Honduras.

he trip was the culmination of a new fourth-year business course, Micro-Enterprise Development, designed to familiarize students with the new frontier in Christian foreign aid work. Through small-scale, low-interest loans, microenterprise organizations like Opportunity International (OI) are succeeding in producing sustainable development and transformation



 Small business owners like Osiris Medrano (right) benefit from low-interest loans provided by micro-enterprise organizations

among the world's extreme poor. Through this strategy, OI has produced 3.5 million new jobs in the developing world. OI estimates that at its current rate of expansion, it stands to reduce world poverty by an astounding 11% within the next decade.

Tyndale's course provides students with the theoretical background in micro-finance, third-world economics and cultural preparation. Class work is enriched with guest speakers and research projects. This trip provided the valuable component of fieldwork experience. The students landed in Tegucigalpa for an intensive eight-day program involving trust-bank visits, a

building project, evangelistic outreach and the delivery of essential medical supplies. Visits to a few cultural sites and to an indigenous church diversified their experience in Honduras. Only one of the students had ever been in a third world situation before.

David Stiller, Opportunity International Network Board Chair, accompanied by his colleague, Bernie Welfred, graciously led part of the trip. The team gained valuable insight from their business expertise and kingdom priorities.

As a result of the trip, not only did the Tyndale students experience a priceless practical learning opportunity, but USD\$3000 was added to OI's Institute for the Honduran Development, a dozen micro-enterprise businesses received visits, a rural family received a new home, a small Honduran town had a testimony program, and \$20,000 worth of medical supplies, sponsored by Maranatha Foundation and Health Partners International of Canada, were delivered to a rural town.

The trip brought together everything that the Tyndale Business program is about," said Anderson. "Christ calls our students to care and act. As Christian business students, they have the mind and the creativity to respond. Tyndale equips them with the tools. Now that they have been to Honduras, they know that they have the opportunity and responsibility as well."

While a few other Canadian universities have



Jannalee Anderson [front row, right] and business students (I to r) Lise Westerhoek, Shannon Brisco, Andrew MacDonald, Brad Longard, John-Mark Raddatz, Michelyne Goulet, Joy-Beth Brooks

courses in International Development, none offers Tyndale's combination of spiritual and business training. As the face of missions changes, the world needs Christian servants who combine spiritual priorities with business savvy.

Christians with business credentials are able to work in parts of the world that are not open to conventional or traditional mission efforts. Tyndale prepares students to embrace the opportunity to address the spiritual and economic needs of the suffering poor.

—Jannalee Anderson is Assistant Professor of Business Administration at Tyndale University College.

"As Christian business students, they have the mind and the creativity to respond. Tyndale equips them with the tools."

"Integrating Faith and Learning: Sharing Jesus Downtown Toronto"

There are numerous opportunities within the Tyndale community for students to get involved in events planned by the student council, one of which includes going downtown to share the Gospel message of Jesus. Every week a team of five to ten people meets for prayer and preparation. Then they take the TTC to the downtown area.

This school year, students have had various opportunities to use what they have learned in the classroom to share their faith and the Gospel message. As the Evangelism Coordinator on Student Council, I have seen students gain confidence in their faith as they share with people who, for the most part, know very little about the truth of the Gospel. The different opportunities that we have had in the past school year have



included sandwich runs, sketch boarding, garbage clean up, handing out tracts and prayer surveys.

Sketch boarding is a new ministry where I preach a short three-minute sermon using an easel and paint while the others prayerfully watch. They engage the crowds in conversation after the message. This has opened many doors to reaching people who would not necessarily step into an evangelism service... unless it was right on the street! Prayer surveys are also something that we have just started to do this winter. It is a ministry where we go out in teams of two or three and ask



The team spends time in prayer before hitting the streets.
 Street run team members prepare to share the Word.

people if they would like to do a short survey of their views of the future. The survey has four questions and the last one is: "if you could ask God anything what would it be?" We have received many different responses to these surveys and have had three people accept Christ!

Praise God for dedicated students who are willing to share their faith and witness to the people of our city!

—Alicia Aukema BA student, Religious Studies. Alicia graduates this May.

Tyndale alumni equipped, ci

Orim Meikle Tells it Like it is Pastor and Community Leader

astor Orim Meikle, Senior Pastor of Rhema Christian Ministries, migrated to Canada with his family from Jamaica in 1975. Many years later he yielded to the leading of the Holy Spirit and became a born-again Christian.

Meikle graduated from Tyndale University College in 1997 with a Bachelor of Religious Studies. By 1999, he founded and became the senior pastor of Rhema Christian Ministries, a non-denominational, multi-ethnic church and non-profit organization located in Toronto. The congregation at Rhema Christian Ministries has grown from 20 to a ministry of over 2,000. By reaching into the community, through its various community organizations, Rhema is addressing social and economic disparity. In addition to congregation-based ministries targeting men, women, children and youth, there are music and worship ministries. Rhema is also engaged in outreach to urban youth, hospital visitation and counselling services.

Youth violence focus

In October 2005, Meikle became the new voice of talk radio when he joined Newstalk 1010 CFRB for his very own program, "The Pastor Orim Meikle Show." The station welcomed this program which addresses community issues such as violence among youth. His down-to-earth attitude and compassion for people has endeared him to many.

The program offers listeners the opportunity to share their thoughts with someone who is extremely passionate about the community and wants to see change. "The Pastor Orim Meikle Show" focusses on issues that affect the community and the country at large.

Meikle also appears on "Rhema Today" a half-hour program of music and preaching that airs three times per week on CTS Channel 9.

In the wake of youth violence, Meikle was asked by the media for a response. He is the initiator of Community Prayer Patrol 24, a series of prayer walks that targets



▲ Judith and Orim Meikle

areas in the Greater Toronto Area. The walks have been covered by CBC's program "the fifth estate."

Pastor Meikle, his wife Judith and two children reside in Markham, Ont.

"By reaching into the community, through its various community organizations, Rhema is addressing social and economic disparity"



Maria Lawrence Prepares for the Harvest

Pastor, World Harvest Ministries

he has faced many trials throughout her life but Maria Lawrence remains steadfast. She has a strong and vibrant faith and she describes her relationship with God as encouraging and humbling. Continually striving for growth and a deeper knowledge of God, Maria relies on prayer and the faithfulness of God in every aspect of her life.

Maria and her family moved to Toronto from Jamaica when she was 10 years old. She was brought to Christ later in life through watching the TV program, 100 Huntley Street and the encouragement of a friend and neighbour.

Maria got her start in ministry when she moved to North York and began attending Glad Tidings Pentecostal

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Jody Cross Can Hardly Wait...

Pastor, songwriter, worship leader and award winning recording artist

astor, songwriter and award-winning recording artist, Jody Cross is passionate about worship. "I believe that corporate worship can be an 'I can hardly wait' experience for Christians," he says. "Our worship time will be fuller and more rewarding if we approach God with an attitude of eager expectation. This attitude prepares the ground of our heart for both giving and receiving. If we bring the seed of expectation to worship, it will blossom to produce a bumper crop of blessing."

Jody graduated from Tyndale in 1995. He served for a while as Tyndale's Worship Chapel Director and also as co-teacher in the Worship and Liturgy course at the Seminary. Sensing a strong call from God to use his gifting to equip the local church in the area of worship, he began to conduct worship seminars in churches. Today he continues this ministry of training worship leaders alongside his growing music ministry.

Jody wrote and released his first worship CD, *Made For You*, in December 1998 while serving as Associate Pastor of Worship and Small Group Ministries at Orangeville Baptist Church. It contained 12 original worship songs written for personal and congregational worship. In the summer of 2001, Jody was called to Barrie, Ontario as Associate Pastor to help plant Harvest Bible Chapel. His second worship CD, *Forward to Forever*, was released in May 2003.

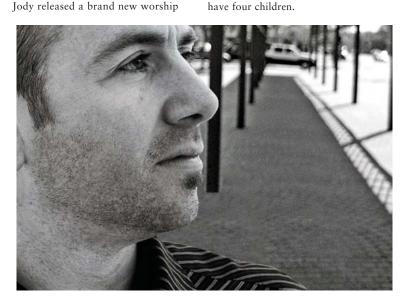
Jody's music soon attracted the

attention of the gospel music world and in November 2003, he received three Covenant Awards at the Canadian Gospel Music Association's 25th Annual Awards. He won Praise and Worship Album of the Year, Praise and Worship Song of the Year and Inspirational Song of the Year. He also received a Juno Award nomination and a Vibe Music nomination. Jody has appeared on 100 Huntley Street numerous times and his music is heard on Christian radio stations across Canada. He has also produced a weekly worship radio feature, "Window into Worship,' designed to stir believers to become lifestyle worshippers. Most recently,

CD, *Rekindle*, with the theme of revival taken from Psalm 85:6. The first radio single, "Show Us Your Glory," is now airing across the nation.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Ontario, Jody became a Christian at age 16 and developed an interest in worship and youth ministry during his university years. He has been in ministry ever since. Today, he regularly speaks on worship and trains younger worship leaders. A graduate of the Arrow Leadership Program, he is now working toward establishing a national worship school to train a new generation of worship leaders

Jody and his wife Alexandra have been happily married for 17 years and have four children.



Church in Scarborough. There she got involved in everything from bus driving to leading Bible study. On one occasion the pastor asked her to preach and the encouraging response of the congregation led her to consider serving in full-time ministry. Maria subsequently enrolled at Tyndale, graduating with a Bachelor of Religious Education degree in 2002.

While at Tyndale, Maria began World Harvest Ministries (WHM) as her Pastoral Internship. WHM began as an outreach in a community centre in the Keele/Sheppard area of Toronto. As the group grew, they began meeting for Bible study in her basement before moving to her living room. On Sunday, November 6, 2005, Maria came full circle as WHM began meeting in Tyndale's Van Norman Centre for Worship and Study. The focus of the ministry is to reach out to the diverse nationalities represented in Toronto.

Maria began her MDiv at Wycliffe

but she plans to continue at Tyndale Seminary in the fall. Her experience at Tyndale was extremely positive, helping her to develop a more holistic, wellrounded faith. She expresses special appreciation for the mentorship and encouragement she received from Dr. Daniel Wong, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries.

As the ministry grows, so does Maria's dependence on the Lord and her commitment to following Him wherever He may lead.

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Alumni Updates

Carl & Sherri Wilhelm TBC '68 celebrated 40 years of marriage and ministry in 2005. They entered Toronto Bible College together as newlyweds and at the same time Carl joined the staff of HCJB, World Radio Missionary Fellowship in Toronto. Upon graduation, they served HCJB in Quito, Ecuador. After 15 years with HCJB, Carl then served with Mission to the World, the growing world mission agency of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) at their headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. For 15 years Carl directed the overseas operations, travelling extensively worldwide to supervise missionaries, research new fields and deploy church-planting teams. In 1995, he joined the pastoral team at Perimeter Church—one of the largest churches in the PCA-in Atlanta. After 28 years, the Perimeter Church has evolved into a mega-church and has planted 23 new churches in the metropolitan area. He served first as the Director of Global Outreach, then as City Networking Pastor to launch Unite!, a network of more than 80 churches in northeastern Atlanta that commits to pray together and serve the least and the lost in the community. Carl, now an elder, shepherds pastors of Perimeter Church, and continues to be known and respected as an "out-of-the box" thinker. Carl and Sherri have four adult children and four grandsons.



Brian OBC '77 & Maribeth OBC '71 Curry (nee Wright) currently serve in Scarborough, Ontario. Maribeth is co-leading the worship team at New Life Christian Church in Scarborough and Brian, although retired, has spent many years pastoring and working with youth. They have three sons: Their eldest son Frank is studying at Oxford University in a DPhil program in Theology, focussing on Patristics. Frank graduated Summa Cum

Laude from Yale Divinity School in May 2004; John Paul attends Mohawk College in Hamilton; and Jeremy is in grade 12 and has pioneered Christian clubs in local high schools and volunteers with the City Kidz, a ministry for children in the impoverished north end of Hamilton. Maribeth and Brian would love to hear from anyone who was at OBC between 1969 and 1975. bcurry@sympatico.ca



Shortly after graduation, Debi Millar (nee Doyne) OBC '77 went to Ireland with the intention to stay for two years as a short-term worker with Global Outreach Mission. She is STILL there! She and her husband Rob (who is Irish) recently celebrated their 25th anniversary. They continue to serve with Global, pastoring a small church that over the years has become quite multicultural (with evening services in Romanian-still using a translator). Rob is involved in other ministries and committees as well and is a consulting elder in two small churches in the community. Debi has been involved in various children's, ladies' and music ministries over the past 17 years. Debi and Rob have two children: Graham is married and living in Winnipeg; Christina is attending college in Dublin. Debi would love to hear from her OBC friends at debi@eircom.net.

Mark & Jeanette Lee (nee Sybring) OBC '84 are currently residing in Abbotsford, BC after enjoying six years in Alberta. Mark has taken a teaching position at Trinity



Western University in the Department of Business. Jeanette is doing HR consulting work. Their daughter Katelyn is attending her first year of university at Trinity and their son Andrew is attending Caronport High School in Saskatchewan. jidlee@hotmail.com

Upon graduation Nicole
Goodfellow (nee Craig) OBC '97
began working in camp ministry. In
1998 she married Ross and they
moved to Camp Mini-Yo-We in
Port Sydney to serve with the
Operation Team. Subsequently
Nicole worked at Ontario Pioneer
Camp as its Year-Round Ministries
Registrar. Nicole and Ross have
three sons and a daughter. Nicole
remains at home with the children
thanking God everyday for His
blessings.



Jonathan Wilson OTS '97 was recently appointed Executive Director of World Team Canada, a global missionary fellowship that partners with others to establish vital communities of believers within reach of every person. Jonathan has spent the last eight years in South Africa with African Enterprise where he was initially in peace work in a major conflict area. In his role as Pan African Training Director, he designed and implemented intensive development processes for leaders in business, government, Christian



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organizations and churches. In 2005, he assisted in establishing and coordinating the Marriage Alliance of South Africa, a 70-denomination initiative to protect marriage in the South African judiciary and legislature. Jonathan is 35 and married to Tracy, a chartered accountant.

Norm TUC '05 & Michelle O'Hara (nee Cassidy) were married June 11, 2005 in Aurora and are currently living in Richmond Hill, Ont. Michelle recently graduated from teacher's college at Queen's University and is a grade nine and ten English teacher at Pickering College in Newmarket, Ont. Norm has been busy teaching ESL and studying towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree. Norm and Michelle will lead an ESL team to East Asia in summer 2006 and will spend an additional three weeks researching possibilities for future full-time work there.



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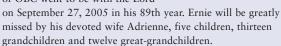
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In Memoriam

Rev. Ernie Harrison TBC '40 who served 26 years in Nigeria with SIM Canada and many years as a devoted staff member of OBC went to be with the Lord



While lovingly surrounded by family, Alice Self TBC '46 went to be with the Lord on December 14, 2005 in her 88th year. Alice was treasured by many friends around the world. A woman of steadfast faith, Alice loved her family, was free-spirited, quick to forgive, funloving and full of energy and care for others. After teaching in a one-room schoolhouse near her farm home in Lakeside, Ont., Alice attended TBC and McMaster University where she sang in a double-trio. She was also gifted at playing the piano, organ and accordion by ear. During WWII she pastored a three-point charge in the Maritimes. All this prepared her for serving abroad with her husband. For years they shared the Gospel in India, Singapore, Manila and New York. "I am now and forever the life that shatters death. Those who count on me will be brought out of despair and live always in me. Do you believe this?" John 11:25.

Elizabeth Clow TBC '54 passed away on November 12, 2005. Elizabeth led a full and abundant life and was very involved in ministry as well as with her family. Elizabeth is greatly missed by her husband Wesley and six children. Elizabeth described her Christian life as "truly like a bicycle ride. God is in control, steering us through mountain top experiences, dark valleys, around sharp curves and over bumpy roads. All we need to do is hang on and keep pedalling."

Rev. Robert Davis OBC '74 passed away suddenly on December 19, 2005. Bob graduated with a BA degree from McMaster University before obtaining the BTh from OBC. Prior to this, he was a high school teacher in Waterford, Ont. Robert was ordained in 1977 at Walsh Baptist Church. He served the three-point charge of Victoria, Walsh and Forestville Baptist Churches from 1975 to 1979, before moving to Main Street Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, where he ministered until his retirement in 1996. After retirement he continued as Pastor Emeritus. He leaves his wife Helen, a brother and a sister.



21st Annual RA Alumni Floor Hockey Challenge

Floor hockey is the favourite team sport at Tyndale and has been since its co-founders, Dave Roberts (alumnus and current Tyndale Mission's Mentor), affectionately known as the *Grandfather of Tyndale Floor Hockey*, and Janet Bates, then Residence Directors, began the tradition in 1985 as an intramural sport. In 1986 several female Residence Advisors (RAs) initiated a Female RA Floor Challenge which later developed into an annual challenge where alumni RAs face off against current RAs for the titles of male and female RA Floor Hockey Champions. This year's challenge took place on Saturday, April 1st with both the male and female alumni teams claiming the victory. The day came to an end with a pizza party for all current and alumni RAs and their guests. Special thanks to Janet Phillips and Sharolyn McLeod for all their work in planning this event each year!



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Chinese Alumni Mentors Honoured

hinese alumni who have been serving as mentors to current Tyndale students were honoured at a Mentor's Appreciation Luncheon held by the Chinese Chapter of the Tyndale Alumni Association on November 16 at Tyndale. Both students and mentors spoke of their experiences in the program, with students expressing appreciation for the guidance and support received. Academic Dean of Tyndale Seminary Dr. Janet Clark also commended the mentors and the efforts of the alumni association. This was the second such luncheon to be hosted by the Chinese alumni.

The purpose of the luncheon was also to promote the mentorship program to students and potential mentors. An average of seven students apply each year to the mentorship program. Matches are made according to the gender, age,

language and specific interests of the students. Mentors are primarily Tyndale alumni but other pastors and Christian workers in the GTA area have joined the program. It is hoped that through the involvement and contribution of the alumni, the present school body will continue to be blessed and nourished by the fruit of the past.

The Mentorship Program was started in 2001 to meet the needs of first year

Chinese students, especially those from out of town. The aim was to provide them with spiritual mentors to help them form habits of spiritual discipline and not let academic studies and ministry replace devotion during their first year at Tyndale. The mentor as a mature, objective third party outside of the academic scope of the student's life would serve as a spiritual support and personal guide to the student.



Seminary Academic Dean, Dr. Janet Clark speaking at the luncheon.

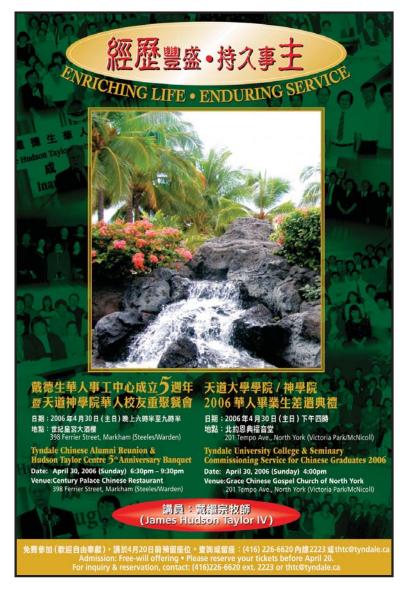


Canadian Chinese School of Theology at Tyndale Seminary (CCSTTS) Opens this Fall

The Canadian Chinese School of Theology at Tyndale Seminary will offer courses leading to a three-year Chinese language Master of Divinity degree in Pastoral Ministries. Courses offered include

- Old Testament Theology and History
- Biblical Interpretation
- Pastoring in the Chinese church
- Evangelism and Church Planting in the Chinese Community

Contact 416-218-6757 or email: admissions@tyndale.ca for more information.



Media Mentions



"Then and now: Changing attitudes to Christian university education."

—Christian Week, March 3, 2006

"A West Indian Contribution to Christian mission in Africa" an article edited by Jacqueline Getfield in recognition of Black History Month. The original paper was written by Tyndale alumnus, Associate General Secretary of IFES, Dr. Las Newman.

—Canada Extra, February 23, 2006

"Seminaries address needs of Chinese."
—Christian Week, February 17, 2006

"Revive your Soul Pastors and Leaders Conference for March 13-15" —The Christian Herald, February 2006

Adjunct Professor of Counselling, Sharon Ramsay was interviewed on maintaining healthy marriages.

-Global TV News at 6, February 14, 2006

UC student Kimberly Courtney interviewed on choosing a religiously affiliated school.

—Next Step Magazine, January 2006

Associate Professor of English Literature, Elizabeth Davey and some University College students spoke on the topic of C.S. Lewis and the *Chronicles of Narnia*.

—Listen Up TV, December 2005

"Tyndale University College makes a difference" —Canada Extra, December 2005

Revive Your Soul...

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with all our strength and in a sense this is what Revive Your Soul was about. Larry Crabb spoke to the heart; Gordon MacDonald demonstrated the "how-to" of the hands and Dallas Willard engaged the mind. To the glory of God we acknowledge that the speakers prepared their themes (each delivering at least two sessions) without the benefit of corporate planning. Some would say that is a great coincidence, but for those of us who know better, we say it was truly a blessing.

The speakers spoke about their expectations as facilitators: Crabb explained that his aim was to deliver possible avenues for movement by opening up categories for thinking through the mystery of Christianity. "These avenues," he said, "will facilitate the space needed to accommodate unrelenting questions that really have no logical solutions." He further explained that there really is no answer for some of life's tough questions, for example, "Why is prayer life sometimes so dull?" Crabb simply states that God is sovereign so it does not really matter how we feel; when God does not seem to be responding (translate: cooperating with our agenda), "...we should just be still since we are called to continue to glorify and praise Him."

Willard said that he came ready to "lead people into a sense of the reality of their soul as the inward stream of life where God dwells." Towards the end of the conference, Willard remarked, "The Lord worked wonderfully in everything that happened today. All the speakers delivered



The North Park Worship Band led by Bob Cottrill ministered in music.

messages that seemed to be seamlessly intertwined."

Dr. Charles Price, keynote speaker at the banquet, delivered a message on "God's Law and His Glory," concluding that the revival of the soul is the release of Christ within us and with God at our core, His law of old is His promise under the new covenant.

"My life will be changed for the better because of this conference. I realized once more that His choice of servants is not based merely on talents but on character," said conference participant, Reverend Jacqueline Collins, Pastor of the British Methodist Episcopal Church in East York/Scarborough. She was pleased that this strategic event brought various ministers from different denominations together and offered them the opportunity to truly take an inward look at their lives.

"What an impactful conference; God certainly drove the messages and the word. Each speaker spoke to my soul, providing nourishment. I felt blessed being involved," added Dr. Michael Wodlinger, Principal of Canadian Mentor College and current MTS (Spiritual Formation) student at Tyndale Seminary.

Dr. Gordon MacDonald closed the event with an altar call, at which time he prayed for the Spirit to continue to dwell within each Christian leader and for them to go with the intention not to sin, always remembering that at any moment Jesus will come again.

Tyndale University College & Seminary wishes to thank all our sponsors and exhibitors, including Christian Aid Mission, Cook Communications Ministries, Deeks Insurance, Faith Life Financial, Gospel for Asia, Meritas Mutual Fund, SingleLinC, The Canadian Mentor College, Tobias Communications and Women Alive.

If you missed this year's event, plan for the next Revive Your Soul slated to be held in 2008. Stay tuned to our website as the Tyndale Centre for Leadership plans to hold more miniconferences specifically targeted to your leadership needs, throughout the year.





Stirring times of fellowship were had at the conference.

Testimony of a Revived Soul...

The whole conference—from beginning to the end—was a real blessing to me as we worshipped the Lord together and sat under the inspiring ministries of such anointed men as MacDonald, Crabb, Willard and Price. The closing session was the Holy Spirit's summary of three days of messages through MacDonald and I could sense the presence of the Lord so strong among us that tears started flowing freely and uncontrollably from my eyes. The Spirit of the Lord moved so powerfully among us that not only was my soul renewed, but my spirit and body as well-my whole being has been re-energized to do exploits for the Lord. I feel challenged to seek more of God's precepts (ways, etc), to experience God's presence and to let God's power (glory) reflect in my life daily. The Lord exchanged my tiredness and exhaustion for His refreshing grace.

—Rev. Emmanuel K. Ofori, Faith Centennial United Church in Selkirk, Ont.

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New Honours Programs...

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Honours Program in Psychology

Development of an honours program in psychology will begin this fall. The vision is to create two tracks in psychology: academic and applied. Dr. Scott clarifies, "I believe this is the only undergraduate program in psychology in Canada with an applied track." Drs. Paul and Lilian Wong will be the architects of this new program.

Dr. Paul Wong, who earned a PhD from the University of Toronto, taught at Trent for 20 years after which he developed an MA program in counselling psychology at Trinity Western. He is the author of many books and journal articles and has developed the 'meaning centred' approach to counselling. Dr. Lilian Wong's background is in school education, public school administration and education. Her particular area of interest is psychology related to children. She has developed a unique approach in play therapy. Her PhD is from the University of British Columbia and she also taught at Trinity Western for 10 years.

Graduates of the Tyndale BA (Honours) degrees will:

- Have a general knowledge of the history of the development of Western culture and the origin of the leading ideas, books, movements, and events that have shaped this culture;
- 2) Have a working knowledge of the literature and theology of the Bible and the history of Christian thought from the time of the New

Testament to the present;

- Be critical thinkers who are able to use logic to evaluate arguments and have the ability to communicate their thoughts clearly and effectively both orally and in writing;
- 4) Be familiar with the philosophical foundations, scholarly methodologies, major subdivisions and basic content of business administration, business administration—international development, English, history, philosophy, or religious studies by completing a major in that discipline (composed of at least 48 credit hours);
- Be aware of the current controversies within the discipline, the limitations of current knowledge within the discipline, and the major thinkers within the discipline;
- 6) Demonstrate, through the completion of an honours thesis, the ability to formulate a research question or thesis, use the scholarly methods or theories current in the discipline, critically evaluate primary sources and/or research data in the discipline at an advanced undergraduate level.

At Tyndale, the BA is a four-year program. This varies from the standard three-year BA program offered by universities such as York. Traditionally, the four-year degrees were BA honours programs. This move to four-year programs reflects a growing trend among universities since the inception of the double-cohort. "We would rather be on the more demanding side," says Dr. Daniel Scott. "We developed the four-year BA and the template for honours."

The template is unique: All BA students take a suite of courses in the first year called the "Shaping of the Western Mind." Religious studies is also a requirement; students achieve what is essentially a minor in that subject in addition to their degree. This requirement will continue for those pursuing the BA Honours program, as well.

AN INVITATION

The Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection

will host its annual event on

June 1, 2006 at the Van Norman Worship and Study Centre Tyndale University College & Seminary, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Theme: Orthodoxy and Piety

SPEAKERS:



Dr. Victor Shepherd will lecture on "The Cross of Christ"



Dr. John Webster of Aberdeen University will lecture on "Orthodox Beliefs and their impact on the Spiritual Life of the Church"

No registration required. Come for a time of renewal, worship, fellowship, and celebration.



Tyndale's Timeline

... is the Admission Department's calendar. As Tyndale's recruitment arm, they speak with youth groups and schools on matters related to university college and seminary admission procedures, tips on selecting post-secondary institution and financial aid opportunities. Give them a call at 1.877.TYNDALE or email them at admissions@tyndale.ca to book an event date or reserve space.

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APRIL

4	Encounter University
	(Tyndale campus visit)
4	President's Dinner
6	Encounter Seminary
	(Tyndale campus visit)
8	Evolving Church Conference (Tyndale)
28-29	EQUIP 2006 (Burlington)
28-29	ACSI Conference (Tyndale)
28-29	Home Schooling Conference
	(Hamilton)
28-30	Women Alive (Waterloo)

MAY

	(Tyndale campus visit)
5-6	Promise Keepers Conference
	(St. Thomas)
6	Graduation 2006
9	Encounter University
	(Tyndale campus visit – evening)
12-14	Overflow Youth Conference (Burlington)
25-26	Figured Out Conference (Tyndale)
25-27	GEN4X Conference (Toronto)

Encounter Seminary

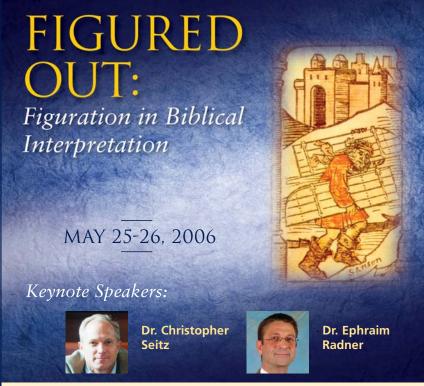
JUNE

1	Encounter Seminary
	(Tyndale campus visit)
6	Encounter University
	(Tyndale campus visit – evening)
28-July 1	Creation Fest, Northeast (New Jersey

AUGUST

5-10	Kingdom Bound (Buffalo)
26	Encounter 2006 at CNE

TYNDALE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



Shorter papers by members of the Faculty

The keynote speakers will address the current move away from historicism in biblical interpretation, while the short papers will examine hermeneutic interests across the liberal arts.

Location: Tyndale University College, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Toronto, ON

Conference Registration Fee: \$15.00 per person. Meals available at local restaurants.

Registration/Information: Joy Demoskoff, Tel: 416.226.6620, ext 2151 figuredout@tyndale.ca Fax: 416.226.6746 www.tyndale.ca/figuredout



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Redeemer-up to \$11,500 and Christian schools in the USA cost between USD\$16,000 and over \$25, 000 per year. No doubt, the cost of equipping our future leaders to become capable champions of a Christian worldview is great.

Many Christians attend public universities and greatly profit from their experience. However for some the higher cost of a Christian university education may very well be worth it.

I am reminded of a young fellow I mentored from Sunday school to high school at our church. He was bright, diligent, likeable and he loved the Lord. Five

years ago he decided to do an arts degree at a well-known public university because the cost of a Christian university education was too high. After his first year his mother commented to me that he had stopped attending youth group. During his second year he infrequently attended church. In third year he announced he had been helped to 'rethink' his faith. At graduation he declared that he no longer 'believed.' I have asked myself ever since, "What was the real cost of that degree?"

—Larry Willard is Vice-President of Advancement at Tyndale

Seminary ONLINE...

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Mark: No, all you need is a basic Internet connection. You log on to our secure website and access all of the course software there. If you can use email, you can use this software. In fact, you don't even need to own a computer. You could pay by the hour in an Internet café or 'locutario' and still take these courses. Since there is no fixed classroom time, you log on when it is convenient for you, interact with your instructor and other students through managed discussion lists, and then log out.

Connection: How often will these courses be offered?

Mark: Many of them will be offered each semester. The online classes will start the same week as in-class sessions. Students will have the regular 13 weeks of the semester to complete the course. The weekly assignments keep you on track but you still need to have personal discipline to succeed.

Connection: 'Personal discipline', that makes me think of something else. Aren't Internet courses, by their very nature, impersonal?

Mark: You would think so... but Tyndale staff who are familiar with online courses say it is astonishing just how well you get to know your online 'classmates.' The onus is on the student to recognize that it is especially important in a ministry-training environment to keep the spiritual side active so that the mechanical or technical approaches to work or study don't consume them.

Connection: You keep talking about the Seminary. What about Tyndale University College courses? Are they available online?

Mark: Not yet, but some will be in the not-too-distant future. Our experience with the Seminary program will allow us to move quickly to create a parallel University College package. We'll use our website to keep readers posted about related developments.

Connection: Speaking of the website, how do I find out more?

Mark: Check out:

www.tyndale.ca/seminary/distanceed.php, or call our Distance Education Office at 416-226-6620 ext. 2109 or email us at onlinecourses@tyndale.ca.

Introducing... Bradley Bartsch

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management. Somewhere along the way I found myself raising capital for an outstanding K-12 school in Abbotsford, B.C. at Mennonite Educational Institute. Immediately prior to arriving at Tyndale, I was Director of Development at Trinity Western University.

Despite what many people have said, I believe that Toronto and real weather are not to be feared. I am going to miss the B.C. coastal mountains, the most though. They have surrounded me most of my life, with the ocean always not far away.

JG: What are the mission-critical objectives of the position of Vice-President of Development ... and what qualifies you to hold this position?

BB: As the Vice-President of Development, it is imperative that I understand both the needs of the institution and the incredible impact it is having, not just locally but globally. The Tyndale Foundation needs to share these amazing stories with our constituents. Friends of Tyndale have an intense desire to see the kingdom of God expand and for Him to be glorified. How that is happening through Tyndale is the central theme of the story. I love to hear people's stories, how they have experienced God in their lives. The fact that I

love telling stories doesn't hurt.

I have demonstrated my ability as Director of Development of both Mennonite Educational Institute in Abbotsford B.C and Trinity Western University in Langley, B.C. and prior to that as an employee of RBC and RBC Dominion Securities.

I earned a BA in Political Science from Simon Fraser University and am an alumnus of TWU as well as Capernwray in Australia.

JG: When you are not at Tyndale, what consumes your time?

BB: After I finish vacuuming the hair discarded around the house by my Golden Retriever, Dakota, I love to spend time with my family. We love to snowboard, hike and participate in outdoor activities together. We also spend quite a bit of time watching the kid's basketball or volleyball games.

I've been married for 20 years to Marlene, and am the father of three sons: Brandon, Lucas, and Morrison.

In Langley, B.C. we attended North Langley Community Church (Mennonite Brethren). We are in the process of identifying a home church in Toronto.

-IG: Jacqueline Getfield; BB: Bradley Bartsch

Transformation through Education...

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permits us to hear and see with clarity the work and words transmitted throughout the ages and across the divides of culture, race, language and gender.

Educating ourselves to the ways of God and to the blessings and riches of the human mind and spirit is part of a transformative process by which we become servants of God, fit for work in His kingdom. We equip our hearts and minds so that we might better understand, evaluate, critique and serve the world in which we find ourselves. We are called to be God's agents of grace, mercy and light. This requires a fundamental literacy and capacity of mind that enables us to participate in the public square in a manner consistent with the values of the kingdom of God.

As we form our identity in Christ, as we equip our hearts and minds for service, we discover that we have not merely developed the skills necessary to function in the marketplace as a teacher, pastor, counsellor or businessperson but we have learned what it means to be persistently self-critical and aware of the disequilibrium caused by the raucous and often radical counterpoint of the Gospel to our world and its values. Also, we have learned to evaluate our culture's norms according to the values of the kingdom of God. We realize that this process has influenced all of our being. The result is an identity marked by a consciousness and worldview that is situated in the normative values of the kingdom of God-an identity that honours Christ.

Know and experience God

Christian higher education exists to provide a context in which people can come to know and experience God more fully. It exists to provide a vibrant and compelling intellectual environment in which people can explore the life of the mind and, thereby, honour God as the maker of all things, the author of all truth, the giver of all good gifts, including the magnificent gift of mind and imagination.

Tyndale University College & Seminary is such an institution of Christian higher learning—a community committed to helping people become imitators of Christ, a place where people are transformed to the glory of God.

—Dr. Earl Davey is Provost and Vice-President, Academic at Tyndale

It's Gold for Tyndale... Again!

Tyndale's men's teams successfully defended their volleyball and basketball titles in the recently concluded Ontario Christian Colleges Athletic Association (OCCAA) championships. Our men won gold for the third consecutive year in the volleyball finals on March 4 and the basketball finals on March 11. Both teams played Redeemer University College in their final matches. In volleyball, Ryan Feeney was named team MVP while Dan Brandsma copped the Championship MVP title.

Mike Mackneer swept the MVP awards in basketball for the third year running. In a dramatic turnaround the women's volleyball team took the silver medal against Redeemer on March 5. This capped off an extremely successful season for the women's team who rose from last place in the last season to a spot in the finals this year. Well done, ladies! The team MVP award went to Denice Eggink and the Championship MVP award to Jenn Crabe.

Congratulations, teams!



Basketball champions



▲ Women's volleyball team



Men's volleyball team

Congratulations and Farewell...

to members of faculty and staff who have moved on to a new phase of their lives and ministries. Thank you for your contribution to Tyndale. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him.

> David Balik, Vice-President, Development Gladys Chan, Registrar

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* New Honours program begins Fall 2006

Faculty & Staff Notes



Dr. Earl Davey, Provost delivered a series of lectures on Music and Worship at Seminari Theologia Kalimantan in Indonesia from

September 26 to 30, 2005 and was the conference speaker at the Youth for Christ Prairie Region Staff Retreat held in Manitoba from January18 to 20.



Dr. Brad Faught, Assistant Professor of History (University College), wrote "Sacred Space" a feature article for *Trinity*

magazine, fall-winter 2005-06 issue, marking the 50th anniversary of the Trinity College Chapel at the University of Toronto.



Jacqueline Getfield, Director of Communication, edited the article, "A Contribution to Christian Mission in Africa," which appeared in the

February 23 issue of the Canada Extra newspaper.



Dr. Rebecca Idestrom, Associate Professor of Old Testament (Seminary), led a seminar on "The Joy of Reading Scripture" at the

Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church on interpreting the Bible on January 27.



Dr. Ron Kydd, Research Professor of Church History (Seminary), taught a course on the Trinity at St. Peter's in Cobourg, Ont. at the extension

centre for Wycliffe College's Lay Ministry diploma. He also taught a course on the 20th century

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Church. On March 4, he conducted a workshop on contemplative prayer during a Ministry Day for the eastern section of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.



Dr. Barbara Leung Lai, Associate Professor of Old Testament (Seminary), spoke at two Old Testament seminars at Acadia

Chinese Community Church (December 1, 2005 and January 12). She preached at the Mississauga Chinese Baptist Church on January 22 at the English congregation service.



Dr. Dennis Ngien, Research Professor of Theology (Seminary), spoke at Toronto Simpson Alliance Church's leadership retreat on January 14. He

preached in Vancouver March 3-5, at the Evangelical Bible Church's 34th anniversary. His previously published article, "The Theology of Preaching in Martin Luther," will be published in abridged form in Luther Digest this year. His article "Reaping the First Fruits: Luther's Meditation on the 'Earnest Mirror, Christ'" will be published in the International Journal of Systematic Theology VIII 3 (2006).



Dr. Dave Overholt, Assistant Professor of Youth and Family Ministries (Seminary), addressed the Salvation Army youth councils in

B.C. and Manitoba in December. In January, he led youth leader training for area Anglicans and took part in the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada roundtable of Canadian youth educators that sought to create initiatives in cross-Canada cooperation. In February, Dave led workshops at the *Today's Teens* conference, spoke to Senior Youth at Joy Bible Camp and spoke at the Congregational Christian Churches in Canada (CCCC) retreat.



Sharon Ramsay, Adjunct Professor of Counselling (Seminary), was interviewed by Global TV's "News at 6" on February 14 on the usefulness

of regular marriage tune-ups. On February 17 she was a guest on Sheila Wray Gregoire's radio program (UCB Canada 102.3), she spoke about young stay-at-home moms who struggle to cope emotionally. Her review of *Dragonslippers: This is What an Abusive Relationship Looks Like*, was published by *Canadian Living* magazine and is available at www.canadianliving.com.



Dr. Victor Shepherd, Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology (Seminary), preached at Wesley Chapel (Free Methodist Church in

Canada) on December 11, and addressed the Alexandrian Society of Tyndale University College, on "Postmodernism and Christian Faith" on February 2. In March he addressed the Wesleyan Theological Society in Kansas City, Missouri.



Dr. David Sherbino, Associate Professor of Pastoral Ministries (Seminary), led a spiritual formation retreat for Mil Al Korean Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on "Rest and Renewal" and a weekend conference on "A Dynamic Present... A Vital Future" at Knox Presbyterian Church, Oakville, in October. He also led a staff retreat for the Congregational Christian Churches in Canada (CCCC) on "Discerning the Leading of God" in November and in December conducted a training session on mentoring youth for the Town of Stirling. He lectured at the Arrow Leadership Executive Training Program in Quebec on the relationships of a leader and spoke at the REAP evangelism conference on "Outreach by Small Groups" in February.



Dr. Yau Man Siew, Assistant Professor of Educational Ministries (Seminary), participated in the "Educating Clergy" conference

sponsored by the Wabash Center in Chicago, March 27-28 and the ATS Consultation "Faculty Vocation & Governance" conference in Pittsburgh, March 31-April 2. His paper, "Fostering Community and a Culture of Learning in Seminary Classrooms: A Personal Journey," was published in Christian Education Journal in April.



Dr. Daniel Scott, Academic Dean (University College), spoke on "Knowing God and Knowing Yourself" at the Navigating the

Faith/Political Interface conference in Ottawa, February 22-25. He also attended the Academic Affairs Conference of the Association of State Colleges and Universities in Charleston, South Carolina, February 4-7.



Dr. Mark Steinacher, Director of Educational Initiatives addressed two sessions, "Traditional Approaches to the Faith/Political

Interface" and "Biblical Leadership Figures" at the Navigating the Faith/Political Interface conference in Ottawa, February 22-25.



Dr. Scott Veenvliet, Assistant Professor of Psychology (University College), successfully defended his doctoral thesis, "Development of a

Belief in the Nature and Existence of Evil Scale" at the University of Western Ontario. The departmental defence was on November 4, 2005 and senate defence on February 27.



Dr. Jennifer Hart Weed, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (University College), presented the paper "Causality as a Foundation for

Analogy in the Thought of Aquinas" at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe University in Frankfurt, Germany and at the International St. Thomas Aquinas Conference in Utrecht, Netherlands in December.



Dr. Ron Weed, Assistant Professor of Philosophy (University College), had an article published in the *Journal of Greco-Roman Christianity* entitled

"Aristotle on Justice (dikaiosunh): Character, Action and Some Pauline Counterparts."